

**Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
September 16, 2010
Minutes**

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Shamim Patwa, Vice-Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Martha Kelly, Min Lin, Katherine Paulhus, Carrie Silver-Bernstein, Randy Walikonis, Superintendent Fred Baruzzi, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Holly Matthews

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Mr. LaPlaca.

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Resignation letter from Chris Kueffner, effective October 1, 2010. Letter from CABA thanking the Board for continuing its membership. Letter from Southeast School MEA representatives thanking the Board for changes in the schedule for the beginning of the school year.

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Goodwin Bequest Committee: Mrs. Kelly presented the two fall Goodwin Bequest Fund Recipients: Olivia Rudd, Maya Rudd, and Mehnaz Madraswalla presented the fleece blankets they made to the Youth Services Department. Mena Curtis discussed her project "Keeping Mansfield Clean and Green. Policy Committee: Ms. Patwa asked members to forward questions regarding Policy revisions to her. She will forward them to the Board attorney for adoption at the October 14, 2010 meeting. Personnel Committee: Ms. Patwa reported negotiations continue with the MEA.

Goals and Objectives: MOTION by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. Walikonis to adopt the proposed Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education Goals – 2010-2011. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

2010 Board Meeting Calendar: No changes were made to the meeting calendar.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- New Certified Staff: The building principals introduced the new staff for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Books on Bus: Linda Robinson reported on the success of the second year of the program which provided access to library books along the elementary bus routes.
- 2009-2010 4th Quarter Financial Report: Cherie Trahan, Director of Finance, reported the Town ended fiscal year with revenues exceeding expenditures increasing fund balance by \$20,960.
- Budget Transfers 2009-2010: MOTION by Mr. Walikonis, seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein to approve the Budget Transfers. VOTE: Unanimous in favor.
- Education Jobs Fund Program: Mr. Baruzzi reported on the funding for this program. Mansfield Public Schools will receive \$390,501 to be spent during the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 school years to fund education jobs.
- Four Schools Building Project Update: Mr. Baruzzi and Mr. LaPlaca discussed the past and upcoming building project work sessions of the Town Council.
- Summer School 2010: Dr. Leclerc and Mrs. Morell reported on the success of the summer school programs.
- Board Summer Retreat Review/Next Steps: The Board will continue the discussion of 2010-2011 Goals and Objectives.
- 2010-2011 Board Goals and Objectives: Mr. Baruzzi presented the administrators' proposed sample evidence and sample strategies for the goals and objectives.
- Board Fall Retreat with Administrators is September 30, 2010 at 5:30pm in the Buchanan Auditorium.
- School Energy Committees 2010-2011: Mr. Baruzzi reported that the district will continue the school based building committee initiative to maximize staff, student, parent, and community involvement.
- Update on World Language – German and China Exchange: Mr. Cryan reported that 20 7th & 8th graders will be on a three week trip to Sarstedt, Germany. Students from China will be visiting for a week.
- Class Size/Enrollment: The first three days enrollment chart was distributed to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded Ms. Patwa that the following items for the Board of Education meeting of September 16, 2010 be approved or received for the record: VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the minutes of the June 10, 2010 Board meetings.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the employment of Phyllis Bain, Kathleen English, Patricia Hamlin, Diane Jobes, Melissa Silvernail, Hope Zettwoch at Mansfield Middle School; Jennifer Hill, Angela Mann, Madelyn Williams at Goodwin School; Barbara Zirakzadeh at Southeast; and Debra Drew and Kimberly Gilmore at Vinton School.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the request of Katherine Harbec, teacher Vinton School, for unpaid childrearing leave through February 11, 2011

HEARING FOR VISITORS: None

Ms. Patwa left at 10:00pm

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: Mrs. Kelly would like to discuss international trips. Mr. Baruzzi reported that there will be a Food Service Program update in October.

MOTION by Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Lin to adjourn at 10:06pm. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Griffin, Board Clerk